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Notice of Allowability

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/18/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 27,28 and 30-37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kotab on Sept. 15th 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-26 and 29.

Claim 27 (amended) --An electrical cable, comprising:

a flexible sheath having first and second ends;

multiple conductors embedded in the sheath;

for each conductor, first and second electrical contacts in communication with the conductor; and

for each conductor, a third electrical contact in communication with the conductor;

wherein the first and second electrical contacts are positioned on opposite sides of the sheath and positioned directly opposite each other relative to the sheath,

wherein the first and second electrical contacts are positioned towards the first end of the sheath but do not extend beyond the first end of the sheath,

wherein the third electrical contact is positioned towards the second end of the sheath.--

Claim 33 (amended)-- An electrical cable, comprising:

a flexible sheath having first and second ends;

multiple conductors embedded in the sheath;

for each conductor, first and second electrical contacts in communication with the conductor; and

for each conductor, a third electrical contact in communication with the conductor;

wherein the first and second electrical contacts are positioned on opposite sides of the sheath,

wherein the first and second electrical contacts are offset from each other,

wherein the first and second electrical contacts are positioned towards the first end of the sheath but do not extend beyond the first end of the sheath, wherein the third electrical contact is positioned towards the second end of the sheath.--

Claim 37 (amended)--An electronic device, comprising:

a cable comprising:

a flexible sheath having first and second ends;

multiple conductors embedded in the sheath;

for each conductor, first and second electrical contacts in communication with the conductor;

for each conductor, a third electrical contact in communication with the conductor;

wherein the first and second electrical contacts are positioned on opposite sides of the sheath and positioned directly opposite each other relative to the sheath,

wherein the first and second electrical contacts are positioned towards the first end of the sheath,

wherein the third electrical contact is positioned towards the second end of the sheath; and
a component coupled to the third electrical contacts.--

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or suggest a cable comprising all the features as recited in the claims and in combination with the first and second electrical contacts being positioned directly opposite each other relative to the sheath (re claims 27 and 37) and with the first and second electrical contacts being offset from each other (re claim 33).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chau N. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-1980. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 31.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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